

LEGAL NOTICE
RFP # 0913-356

Title: Youth Violence and Gang Intervention Services

The Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA), an administration of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), intends to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide at-risk youth services focusing on prevention, intervention and suppression of behavioral problems and violence while linking at-risk youth to pro-social activities.

Two funding streams will be made available to bidders:

1. Funding for **Collaborative Models** managed by lead organizations subcontracting with multiple community based organizations or associations
2. Funding for **Grass Roots Approaches** delivered by individual community based organizations or associations

Collaborative Models

Funding will be made available for projects in **Spokane, Yakima, Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties**

Successful Bidders shall:

Serve as the lead agency of a collaborative effort to provide Street Outreach, Needs Assessment, development of Individualized Service Plans, and referral of at risk-youth to appropriate services.

The lead agency in collaboration with subcontracted community based organizations and associations will ensure the following services are provided as needed:

- a) Street outreach to link at-risk youth to intervention and prevention services
- b) Case management including services referral and follow up
- c) Employment services
- d) Substance Abuse Prevention and/or Treatment
- e) Educational services
- f) Mental Health Services
- g) Mentoring
- h) Linkages to positive, pro-social leisure, and recreational activities
- i) Life skills training.

Grass Roots Approaches

Funding will be made available for projects in counties with low youth population density and high per capita instances of violent crime by youth and for small individual projects in other areas with high per capita violent crime by youth.

Successful bidders shall provide at a minimum:

- a) Street outreach to link at-risk youth to intervention and prevention services, and
- b) Employment services, and/or
- c) Educational services, and/or
- d) Linkages to positive, pro-social leisure, and recreational activities, and/or
- e) Mentoring

Work is expected to begin on any contract resulting from this procurement on January 1, 2010 and to be completed by June 30th, 2011

Successful bidders shall be community-based organizations (including Faith-based Organizations or Community-based Coalitions) that meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be licensed as required to perform work in Washington State
- Possess and demonstrate a working knowledge and skills to engage and motivate at-risk and gang involved youth
- Be able to immediately serve youth between the ages of 8 – 24 years and at-risk for delinquent and criminal behavior
- Be located or able to provide services in areas targeted for intervention services

RFP# 0913-356 will be issued on or about October 30th, 2009 and responses will be due on or about December 1, 2009

This notice and all documents relevant to this procurement will be available at the DSHS Procurements website at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/ccs>. (WEBS address <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs/>)

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